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(currently emended) A powertrain configuration for a truck chassis comprising:

a chassis comprising at least two frame rails and at least one intermediate cross member;

a forward wheel assembly attached to a forward region of the chassis;

a rearward wheel assembly attached to a rearward region of the chassis; and an engine positioned between adjacent the forward wheel assembly and attached to two chassis frame rails between the front and rear wheel assemblies, the engine positioned that, at most, only ten percent of an overall engine height extends above a top of the chassis frame rails.

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Mr. Phan:

John Naber asked that I fax you the attached draft response to the Office Action, dated July 31, 2003, for the following patent application:

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This draft is for your reference in anticipation of the interview with Mr. Naber scheduled for tomorrow, August 27 at 2:00 p.m. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you,

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